

HOUSE BILL 467

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AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 44 in Sullivan County in honor of the late Specialist Fourth Class Arthur Wayne Glover.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Specialist Fourth Class (SP4) Arthur Wayne Glover, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 9, 1964, while serving in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Glover followed the patriotic tradition for which Sullivan County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Arthur Wayne Glover graduated from Bluff City High School in 1957, and worked in Sullivan County before entering the military; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Glover considered performing military service for the United States of America to be an honor and was quoted as "believing in his mission" as a soldier; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Glover was not a seeker of personal attention for himself, but as an adopted child, he had taken a personal interest in working with and teaching children at an orphanage in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, SP4 Glover did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and to stop the global spread of Communism; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Fourth Class Arthur Wayne Glover served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Armed Forces, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Glover's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on State Route 44 in their county to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Specialist Fourth Class Arthur Wayne Glover; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Bridge No. 82-SR-044-7.89 on State Route 44 at its intersection with Possum Creek Road in the Cedar Grove community of Sullivan County is hereby designated as the "SP4 Arthur Wayne Glover Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Specialist Fourth Class Arthur Wayne Glover.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "SP4 Arthur Wayne

Glover Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.